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Bill Olson honored for lifetime of service

(Lincoln, Neb.) Bill Olson received the 2013 First Lady's award for Lifetime Achievement in Volunteer Service. This award is presented to an individual, who over the course of his/her lifetime has made significant contributions to the State of Nebraska through volunteer efforts.

Nebraska's First Lady Sally Ganem presented Olson with his award on April 12, 2013 during the annual First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards luncheon ceremony at the Kearney Country Club, Kearney

Bill Olson has been a community volunteer in Garden County for the past fifty years. Bill takes pride in his community and when it comes to getting things done, he does so for the 'good of others'.

Years ago, he was the main force to green up the grass for the golf course and helped to raise a \$100,000 to get it done. Bill helped to restore the post office and hotel, two of the oldest buildings in Oshkosh. Several Senior Center upgrades and renovations are the result of Bill's civic loyalty and leadership. He is a strong advocate for the rural Fire Department, giving time and financial backing when needed.

As a past bank president, he was by far the best and strongest of small town financial leaders. The Nebraska State Bank is the only bank in Oshkosh, located on Main Street. He is credited with leading the "main street" business mentality in many ways. For the recent Centennial, Bill worked quietly behind the scenes making sure the town was ready for thousands of visitors. He had a sign designed and erected, as well as various clean-up projects so the town would look its best. He always leads by example, committing time and financial assistance liberally.

Bill does all of these projects with no desire to be recognized. He does not look for the glory or any praise; he is simply a person who cares deeply for his community and others.

For more information about the First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards, visit ServeNebraska at, www.serve.nebraska.gov or contact Kimberle Hall at 402-471-6228 or 800-291-8911.

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